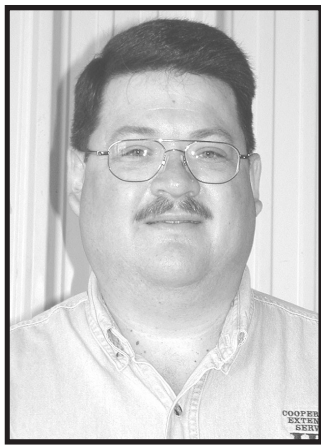


# Provide the right amount of water to summer veggies



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You might think vegetables will be the best quality only if they get adequate water throughout the growing season. According to UK Extension horticulture specialist Richard Durham, it's important that you water vegetables well while they are being established and during flowering, but sometimes the best quality garden produce results when water is somewhat limited.

good supply of soil moisture before and during flowering and during fruit development. For crops such as cabbage and broccoli, this period is during establishment and head development.

One to two inches of water per week, in the form of natural rainfall or supplemental irrigation is enough for most vegetables during this time. For vegetables you continually harvest, such as eggplant, tomatoes, peppers, summer squash and green beans, it's important to keep an adequate supply of water to the plant. This ensures even soil moisture throughout the growing season, and it will keep plants productive longer. Consistent soil moisture on tomatoes will also help prevent blossom end rot and cracking of fruit.

You should withhold water from potatoes once the vines have begun to die. The tubers under the soil are entering dor-

mancy at that time and excess water or fertilizer may cause regrowth or cracking of the potatoes, which makes them less suitable for storage.

Cucumbers will become bitter without a good supply of moisture throughout the entire growing season. On the other hand, melons will produce a sweeter fruit when they are kept drier once the fruit has reached about half of its expected final size.

For melons, don't cut off water completely. Continue to provide one-half to one inch of water per week. Heavy rain or irrigation when the melons are nearly mature will dilute the fruits' sugar. Watermelons will reconcentrate the sugar if left on the vine a little longer. Muskmelons, however, are less apt to do this.

Okra tends to produce more leaves than pods when it's over watered, so try to keep these drought-tolerant plants

on the dry side.

A layer of mulch in the vegetable row will help conserve moisture, reduce weed growth and keep produce cleaner. Using black plastic film as a mulch has become standard in commercial vegetable production, but most backyard growers still prefer organic mulches such as straw, wood chips, composted leaves or grass clippings.

For more information about home gardening, refer to the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment publication Home Vegetable Gardening in Kentucky at <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/id/id128/id128.pdf>, or contact the Estill County Cooperative Extension Service at 723-4557.

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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: T equals L

LYFX LHBTW GHSQ SQFI NBUG AFTT  
F XQAYIHTHNJAFTTU AYFTTQINQW  
OQEGHI? F IJIAHSOBXQE.

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## CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

SG EOBFFFK TZ CTAF, HGO  
ZFFK SQVFF SQTZPE: J  
LTEQNGZF, J NJBWNGZF  
JZK J AOZZH NGZF.  
— VFNJ UBFZSTVF

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### The Garden Bug

This plant is one of the easiest to care for. Once they bloom, keep the soil slightly moist. If blooms are very large and the stem begins to bend, stake the stem for support until the flowers are spent. Cut off any spent flowers and stalks, but allow the leaves to remain until they yellow and begin to die. This will help fuel the bulb for the next year's blooming season. In fall, trim away any growth left, leaving the bulb in the ground. Mulch over the bulb with organic bark mulch. In spring, pull away the mulch when you see green sprouts.

Source: [www.gardeningknowhow.com](http://www.gardeningknowhow.com) —Brenda Weaver

**Oriental Lilies**

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### Birding BITS

BY Cindy Brook

**Fruits and Berries**  
If you want to attract non-seed-eating birds into your yard, fruits such as grapes, raisins, cherries, apples and orange halves will attract mockingbirds, gray catbirds, orioles, towhees, cedar waxwings, blue birds, tanagers and many more. Use a tray feeder or place on the ground near brush cover.

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## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Obsess

TEAFIX

Tally

OSKER

Scare

FIRTYPE

Entire

LOTTA

TODAY'S WORD

## Puzzle Answers

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### Puzzles4Kids

- Answer
- |        |   |       |
|--------|---|-------|
| TIMERS | M | TRIES |
| ADVISE | A | DIVES |
| CHASED | C | HEADS |
| ANGELS | A | GLENS |
| SENSOR | N | SORES |
| DARTED | D | TRADE |
| SPACES | S | PACES |
| CANNED | N | DANCE |
| BUSHEL | E | BLUSH |
| ELVIRA | E | RIVAL |
| BLAZER | Z | BLARE |
| REHEAT | E | HEART |

### FEAR & KNIGHT

answer

### Even Exchange

- answers
- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Trench, French | 6. Flask, Flash   |
| 2. Peony, Phony   | 7. Butter, Butler |
| 3. Cooler, Cooper | 8. Globe, Glove   |
| 4. Great, Greet   | 9. Season, Reason |
| 5. Master, Easter | 10. Prude, Prune  |

### WORDS WITH THREE G'S

### Letter Box

Solution

H	M	E	Y	T	O	P	F	A
P	F	Y	A	E	H	O	M	T
A	O	T	F	M	P	E	H	Y
M	H	O	P	Y	A	T	E	F
E	A	F	M	H	T	Y	O	P
T	Y	P	E	O	F	H	A	M
Y	P	M	O	A	E	F	T	H
F	E	H	T	P	M	A	Y	O
O	T	A	H	F	Y	M	P	E

### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

5	6	3	7	9	8	4	2	1
4	9	2	6	1	3	5	7	8
8	1	7	4	5	2	9	6	3
6	2	5	3	7	4	8	1	9
7	4	1	9	8	6	3	5	2
9	3	8	5	2	1	7	4	6
1	7	4	8	6	9	2	3	5
3	8	6	2	4	5	1	9	7
2	5	9	1	3	7	6	8	4

## Stickeler's Answer

Stickelers Answer

SPOKE  
SPORE  
SHORE  
SHARE  
SHARD  
CHARD

## Stickeler's Puzzle on Page 7

### Puzzle Answers

### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers

U T H O U S A N D V  
S B D P B L E S S M  
D R C E U O Y B A Y  
W O U S A V Y X R  
A Z G T S I L P R U  
F K P E S O M Y F B  
Z I M J R E M O U D  
X I E D K P C M R H  
T A R X W J J N A P  
I N C R E A S E A X

What would some mean guys call a person? A hicomputer.  
answer  
Cryptoquip

— Reba McEntire and a funny bone. Wishbone, a backbone need three things: a To succeed in life, you  
answer  
Cryptoquote

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ANSWERS (1 New; 2 Sea of Galilee; 3 John 10:35; 4 Fish; 5) Ruben; 6) Sycamore